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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: UNESCO, AORG  
SUBJECT: LUNCHEON MEETING WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL M'BOW

1. M'BOW HOSTED PRIVATE LUNCH FOR TOUSSAINT, PERMREP  
JONES AND ADG NAJMAN, MAY 3. IN GENERAL CONVERSATION  
FOLLOWING POINTS EMERGED:

A. M'BOW SAID HE SAW NO PROBLEM IN US USING  
HUMAN RIGHTS AGENDA ITEM TO INTRODUCE PROPOSAL LOOKING  
TO NEW PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING CHARGES AGAINST MEMBER  
STATES IN OTHER FIELDS.

B. M'BOW THEN OUTLINED IN SOME DETAIL HIS VIEWS ON THE  
HR DOCUMENT AND PROCEDURES. HE SAID HE HAD PERSONALLY  
DRAFTED SOME PARTS OF THE DOCUMENT AND FAVORED UNESCO  
INVOLVEMENT IN HUMAN RIGHTS. HE SAID HE DID NOT WANT  
THE SECRETARIAT TO CONTINUE TO FUNCTION DECIDING ON  
RECEIVABILITY OF COMPLAINTS. HOWEVER, HE WAS ALSO  
SKEPTICAL OF THE WILLINGNESS OF THE EXBD TO FORTH-  
RIGHTLY TACKLE THE PROBLEM OF RECEIVABILITY OF COM-  
PLAINTS. HE SAID HE WAS IN FAVOR OF PUBLIC AIRING OF  
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HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLAINTS. M'BOW ALSO SAID HE BELIEVED  
THE PRESENT COMMITTEE SHOULD CONTINUE TO FUNCTION UNDER  
ITS EXISTING RULES UNTIL THE BOARD DECIDES ON NEW PRO-  
CEDURES. M'BOW SAID HE THOUGHT THE ISSUE WOULD BE PUT  
OVER TO THE SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETINGS, FOR FINAL ACTION,  
PERHAPS WITH A WORKING GROUP THAT WOULD REPORT TO THE  
FALL BOARD WITH PROPOSALS.

C. M'BOW WAS ALSO CRITICAL OF THE LACK OF COORDINATION IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS AREA BETWEEN VARIOUS PARTS OF UN SYSTEM. HE CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT TO FILL THIS VACUUM AND, TO THAT END, HAS CALLED JUNE MEETING IN VIENNA TO DISCUSS TEACHING OF HUMAN RIGHTS -- MEETING TO BE ATTENDED BY APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF UN AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.

D. TOUSSAINT RAISED ISSUE OF SOVIET ALTERATIONS IN CONTENT OF BICENTENNIAL COURIER EDITION. M'BOW TRACED HISTORY AND SAID THAT HE HAD WRITTEN PERSONALLY TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE USSR NATIONAL COMMISSION POINTING OUT THAT THE COURIER COULD NOT BE MODIFIED WITHOUT UNESCO CONCURRENCE, AND ASKING FOR FULL EXPLANATION OF SOVIET ACTION. M'BOW SAID HE HAD BEEN PROMISED A RESPONSE, BUT HAD NOT RECEIVED AN ANSWER. WE INDICATED TO M'BOW THAT WE INTENDED TO RAISE THE ISSUE BEFORE THE EXBD IN PRIVATE SESSION. HE SAID HE WELCOMED OUR INITIATIVE AND WOULD RESPOND BY REPORTING THE FACTS OF HIS EXCHANGES WITH THE USSR. M'BOW WAS CLEAR IN STATING

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THAT THE USSR HAD VIOLATED UNESCO RULES.

E. TOUSSAINT ALSO DESCRIBED US CONGRESSIONAL PROBLEMS WITH UNESCO AND THE LACK OF STRONG SUPPORT AMONG US

PUBLIC FOR UNESCO AS AN ORGANIZATION. TOUSSAINT STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF FILLING HEAD OF NEW YORK OFFICE WITH SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP BUILD UNESCO IMAGE AND CONSTITUENCY. M'BOW SEEMED GENERALLY AWARE OF PROBLEMS. HE SAID HE PLANNED TO RAISE NY POST TO D2 AND AGREED IT SHOULD BE FILLED BY SOMEONE OF STATURE WHO CAN DEAL WITH US PUBLIC OPINION. M'BOW ALSO ASKED OUR VIEWS ON OPENING A ONE-MAN OFFICE IN WASHINGTON. WE CONCURRED THAT THIS WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA IF THE RIGHT PERSON CAN BE FOUND.

2. M'BOW NOTED HE WOULD BE IN US AGAIN NEXT FALL FOR MEETING IN NEW YORK OF ACC. TOUSSAINT NOTED THAT THE NATIONAL COMMISSION CHAIRMAN WAS CONSIDERING RE-SCHEDULING ANNUAL MEETING TO JANUARY OR FEBRUARY IN PART TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH THE UNGA. M'BOW EXPRESSED INTEREST IN POSSIBLY ATTENDING THAT MEETING -- AND SAID WE COULD TALK ABOUT THIS MORE AT A LATER TIME.  
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3. COMMENT: M'BOW'S DOUBTS ON THE WILLINGNESS OF THE EXBD TO STAND UP AND BE COUNTED ON HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLAINTS DID NOT ALTER HIS WISH TO TAKE THE HEAT OFF THE SECRETARIAT. HE WANTS TO GET OUT FROM UNDER THE PRESSURES FROM MEMBER STATES, BUT MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OR A COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD MIGHT NOT. HE ALSO SEEMS TO BE TESTING THE WATER FOR A POSSIBLE VISIT TO THE US EARLY NEXT YEAR.  
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